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MEMORANDUM FOR: R. R. Bowie

FROM : [REDACTED]
SUBJECT : NIO Consultants to Date

1. Herewith is the status report on our NIO consultants drive that I propose to distribute. I believe you may want to see it first. Some comments are in order, some for you only.

- a. Two of our nominees were stopped by Security.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
nominated by Turner, flunked his polygraph. (I reported this to the DCI today and he said he did not want [REDACTED] informed until he had had a chance to look into it.) I do not know Security's reasons in either case.

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- b. [REDACTED] look bad because they still have not acquired a single consultant. But both have tried. [REDACTED] have suffered especially from the timidity of regional specialists; [REDACTED] aimed too high. [REDACTED] will soon have one consultant, though, as soon as we succeed in working out an arrangement

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- c. [REDACTED] has been obtaining the help he needs by assembling specialists with 24-hour SECRET clearances. I have suggested to him that though there is no objection to this practice it should not be considered a substitute for regular consultants but only as a supplement. He agreed and will continue trying.

- d. The number of prospective regional consultants who have turned us down for career reasons (fear of damage to their careers) seems a bit less than expected, but is still substantial.

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2. One more general comment. With the Iran experience fresh in our minds, I am bothered by the essentially conservative nature of our NIO's nominees. I wouldn't suggest that they tend to look for people they believe will agree with themselves; they do, however, seem to me to be looking for people like themselves. Not many turn up on such lists.

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3. I recommend that you again urge the NIOs to employ the "generalists" nominated by Stan Turner -- and yourself

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